

Knights of the Golden Circle

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Biographical Note:

Mary Adeline Denny, author of this manuscript, was the daughter of Robert Denny, who maintained an office at 26 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, in 1864.

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Scope and Content:

This five-page manuscript was written by Mary Adeline Denny and dated December 4, 1924. The title is: "How the Capture of Indianapolis by the Knights of the Golden Circle, August 16, 1864, during the Civil War was prevented."

Elder Jacob Crabb, a Baptist minister from Campbellsburg, Washington County, Indiana, came to Indianapolis in early August 1864 and told Robert Denny about the plot of the Knights of the Golden Circle, a secret society in support of the Confederate States of America. Mr. Crabb reported that the Knights intended to capture the city on August 18, raid the Arsenal, release Rebel prisoners at Camp Morton, and take control of the State House. Robert Denny conveyed this information to Governor Oliver Perry Morton, who sent out detectives to learn more about this plot.

The author tells about the so-called "Battle of Pogue's Run" and about the Indianapolis treason trials, which resulted in the *Ex Parte Milligan* case handed down by the United States Supreme Court in 1867.

Jacob Crabb died before Robert Denny, who passed away on May 28, 1912, age 84 years, 4 months. Robert was stricken with apoplexy seven months and ten days before he died.

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